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In re application of: Jerald C. Seelig at al.
Serial number: 10/664,228
Filed: September 16, 2003
Title: REEL MECHANISIM
Attorney docket number: 619.753 ACC.CIP-Reel Shelf

Dear Sir:

The following is/are submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for appropriate action:

1. A Response and Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 CFR §1.321 (c) (2 pages).
2. A Terminal Disclaimer Form (1 page).
3. A Fee Transmittal (1 page).
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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First Named Inventor Seelig

Examiner Name Benjamin Layno

Art Unit 3711

Attorney Docket No. 619.753

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	-20** =	-3** =	X	X	

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity

Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) Terminal Disclaimer Fee					55.00

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SUBTOTAL (3)

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619.753

In re Application of: Seelig
Application No.: 10/664,228
Filed: 9/16/2003
For: REEL MECHANISM

The owner*, Atlantic City Coin & Slot Service Company, Inc., of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent No. 6,644,663. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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10 Examiner: Benjamin H. Layno

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RESPONSE AND TERMINAL DISCLAIMER UNDER 37 CFR §1.321(c)

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004, please see the terminal

20 disclaimer enclosed and consider the accompanying remarks. This response also includes the fee
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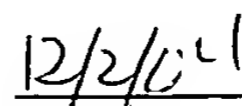
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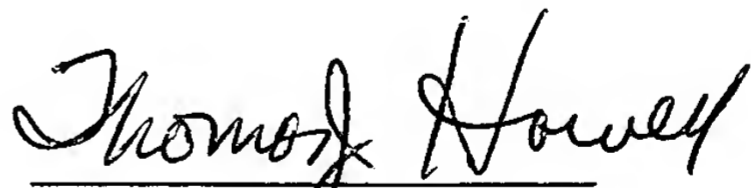
1. **Rejection of claims 15-35:** Claims 15-35 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 21 and 25 of copending Application No. 10/245,625. Since none of the apparent conflicting claims of either application has been allowed, Applicants reserve the right to consider filing a terminal disclaimer at the time that one of the copending applications involves allowed claims.

2. **Rejection of claims 1-14:** Claims 1-14 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-8 and 19-25 of U.S. 6,644,663. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection in view of the terminal disclaimer (PTO/SB/26) filed with this response.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicants' Agent, Thomas J. Howell, at (775) 826-6160.

Respectfully submitted,

December 1, 2004


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